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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2007, having a response due date of December 18, 2007. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.